

# **Higher Education Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program**

## **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FY 1999**

**Higher Education Programs  
Science and Education Resources Development  
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**September 1999**

## **HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 1999 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**The Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program, administered by the USDA office of Higher Education Programs and authorized by section 815 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act of 1996 (7 USC 3241), is a competitive grants program designed to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) to carry out education programs that attract, retain, and graduate outstanding students capable of enhancing the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional work force. Projects may involve individual institutions, consortia or HSIs, or cooperative initiatives between two or more HSIs or with other colleges and universities, units of government, or the private sector.**

**Only Hispanic-Serving Institutions are eligible to apply for grants under this program. An eligible 2- or 4-year college or university must: (1) have at least 25 percent Hispanic student enrollment and meet other eligibility criteria.**

**In Fiscal Year (FY) 1999, \$2,730,625 were available to support projects in the following areas of emphasis: (1) Faculty Preparation and Enhancement for Teaching; (2) Curricula Design, Materials Development, and Library Resources; (3) Instruction Delivery Systems; (4) Scientific Instrumentation for Teaching; (5) Student Experiential Learning; and (6) Student Recruitment and Retention (including financial assistance).**

**A total of 19 different institutions from 7 states submitted 22 proposals for consideration for funding for this third year of the program. Institutions submitting proposals were from the following states: California (6), Colorado (1), Florida (2), New Mexico (2), New York (2), Puerto Rico (4), and Texas (5). These 22 proposals requested a total of \$4,891,052 in USDA funding. In June 1999, the grant applications were evaluated by a 7 member peer review panel. The panel was comprised of faculty members of land-grant and non land-grant universities, private industry, and representatives of the Federal government. Panelists represented various academic areas including business, agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, family and consumer sciences, and closely allied disciplines. Based on the peer review deliberations, funds were available to support grants to 12 lead institutions. An additional 11 other entities (including land-grant institutions, other 4- and 2-year colleges, local school districts, state agencies, and private organizations and businesses) will be involved in these projects. Although not required by USDA, almost all of these institutions are leveraging Federal grant funds with institutional cost-sharing or third party support.**

**The following chart presents information on the grants awarded under the FY 1999 Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program.**

## INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED

PROJECT DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT, AND INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDS AWARDED
Rodulio Caudales Colegio Universitario del Este Carolina, Puerto Rico	Collaborative Development of an Agribusiness and Food System Management Program	\$ 298,690
Dennis L. Nef Agricultural Economics California State University - Fresno Fresno, California	Intersegmental Coordinated Outreach Program in Agricultural and Associated Professions	\$ 299,934
Nancy Cavallaro Agronomy and Soils University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez Mayaguez, Puerto Rico	Instrumentation Laboratory to Enhance Education in Soils and Environmental Sciences	\$ 150,000
Linda Prentiss Porterville College Porterville, California	Tulare County Soils and Plant Science Initiative	\$ 99,549
Karen Dillman Medical Center Miami-Dade Community College Miami, Florida	Veterinary Technology Program	\$ 150,000

Tony Romero Trinidad State Junior College - Valley Campus Alamosa, Colorado	“21 <sup>st</sup> Century Farmers Through High Tech/High Touch Innovative Training	\$ 148,229
Nasir Ahmed Research University of New Mexico Albuquerque, New Mexico	New Mexico Coalition for Realizing Excellence in Agricultural Science Education	\$ 299,989
Paul Tomasek Department of Biology California State University - Northridge Northridge, California	Enhancement of Microbiology Programs at Three Hispanic Serving Institutions	\$ 299,182
G. E. Hackett Animal and Veterinary Sciences Mt. San Antonio College Walnut, California	Enhancement of Veterinary Technology in Collaborative Programs	\$ 297,045
John Davis Bronx Community College Bronx, New York	Animal Care and Management	\$ 300,000
Robert John Kinucan Range Animal Science Sul Ross State University Alpine, Texas	Improving Agricultural programs for Hispanic and other Underserved Students	\$ 150,000

Edward J. Kennelly Biological Sciences Lehman College New York, New York	Plant Biotechnology in the Bronx Instrumentation Improvement and Curriculum Development	\$ 238,007
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**FY 1999 Higher Education Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program  
Total Funds Awarded to States and Lead Institutions**

<u>State</u>	<u>Lead Institution</u>	<u>Awards</u>
California	California State University - Fresno	\$ 299,934
California	Porterville College	99,549
California	California State University - Northridge	299,182
California	Mt. San Antonio College	297,045
Colorado	Trinidad State Junior College - Valley Campus	148,229
Florida	Miami-Dade Community College	150,000
New Mexico	University of New Mexico	299,989
New York	Bronx Community College	300,000
New York	Lehman College	238,007
Puerto Rico	Colegio Universitario del Este	298,690
Puerto Rico	University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez	150,000
Texas	Sul Ross State University	<u>150,000</u>
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		\$ 2,730,625

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